

Name of organization: Family Center of Washington County

Address: 383 Sherwood Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602

Telephone number: 802-262-3292

Brief Description: The Selectboard will include a one-line description in the warning for town meeting. How would you like your services to be described in the warning (no more than 10 words): Building resourceful families & healthy children to create a strong community.

Article: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to the Family Center of Washington County for support in delivering a wider variety of services to families, many of whom may be particularly vulnerable.

The Town will also include a description of your services in the Town report.

What type of services do you provide? (no more than 100 words)

The Family Center provides services and resources to all children and families in our region. In FY'23 we offered services for children, youth and families, including: Early Care and Education, Children's Integrated Services-Early Intervention, Family Support Home Visiting, Child Care Financial Assistance, Child Care Referral, Welcome Baby Outreach, Family Supportive Housing Services, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project, Specialized Child Care Supports, Reach Up Job Development, Food Pantry, Diaper Bank, Parent Education, and Playgroups for children from birth to five.

How do your services directly impact the citizens of Marshfield? All of our services are available to Marshfield residents. In FY'23, five families received Child Care Financial Assistance; three individuals were served by one of our Home Visiting services, providing parent and family education and support or Early Intervention with a child aged birth to 3; six children and adults received food and household items from our Food Pantry delivered to their residence by our home visitors to help supplement their family's nutritional and basic needs and one child received diapers from our Diaper Bank.

How many Marshfield residents were served in the past year? 15

How much are you requesting? \$300.00, the same as previous years.

How do you calculate or justify the amount of money that you are requesting from us? Services and the number of residents served fluctuate year-to-year, so requests are based on population and levels of services. Level of services, such as Early Intervention home visits, requires hours of additional time devoted to a family besides the actual visit. This includes writing evaluation reports or service notes, and organizing a collaboration of services and teaming regarding each child or family being served. Many of our Food Pantry and Diaper Bank home deliveries by our Home Visitors occurred bi-weekly or monthly, depending on a family's needs.

Last year's appropriation request: \$300.00

Last year's grant from the Town: \$300.00

Explanation of any increase in this year's request (if applicable): Not Applicable.



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November 6, 2023

Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk
Budget Committee Members
Town of Marshfield
122 School St., Room 1
Marshfield, VT 05658

Dear Ms. Brimblecombe and Budget Committee Members:

With this letter, the Family Center of Washington County respectfully requests funding of \$300 in the FY'25 budget to go before the voters in 2024, the same as last year's request. During our last fiscal year, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, it was our pleasure to serve 15 members of the Marshfield community through our array of child development and family support services.

Thanks to donations we receive from towns and community members, we have been able to lend an extra helping hand to support the needs of local families. The demand for our services, including food, meals and diapers, continues in large part due to the high prices of food and fuel, plus lingering COVID. In FY'23, we helped 2,529 individuals in Central Vermont. Our Diaper Bank gave 216 children and eight Central Vermont agencies 30,323 diapers. We also provided 176 children and 141 adults with food from our Food Pantry and/or ready to heat *What's For Dinner?* meals prepared by a chef. Your support is important – it helps us continue our work in the community and demonstrates to government agencies and private foundations that we have the support of communities where we provide services.

Thank you for your on-going assistance in facilitating this request to be on your town meeting ballot. We look forward to continuing our activities in Marshfield during the coming year.

Sincerely,

Joann K. Jenkins
Administrative Manager

Attachments



FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY **....serving families in Marshfield**

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Among the 15 individuals in Marshfield who benefited from the Family Center's programs and services from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 were:

- * 5 families** who received **Child Care Financial Assistance**.
- * 3 individuals** who were served by one of our **Home Visiting** services, providing parent and family education and support or Early Intervention with a child aged birth to 3.
- * 6 children and adults** who received food and household items from our **Food Pantry** delivered to their residence by our home visitors to help supplement their family's nutritional and basic needs and ***1 child** who received diapers from our **Diaper Bank**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Building resourceful families and healthy children to create a strong community.

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